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News

Dayton Hamfest

Very well done and congratulations to team TN8K for winning DXpedition of the Year at the Dayton Hamfest, along with Adrian, KO8SCA and AI, K3VN who were inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame.



T31TT Kanton Island -update May 25

We received some questions about T31 activity. For the team to reach Kanton island it take about 7 to 8 days by motor yacht Sheer Delight. From Fiji to Samoa about 700Nm. Then from Samoa to Kanton another 700Nm. They will stop in Samoa for refueling the vessel and a meeting regarding another rare DXCC, very close to Samoa.

Team will be on Kanton for about 12 to 14 days. After Kanton they will fly to Europe for 2 weeks to sorted out over 200.000 QSL cards. Then activity from T22T Tuvalu, and another one before the main event by end of the year if we are lucky! So far team is about 80miles away from Samoa.

TX5S Clipperton Island -update

Our fundraising campaign is underway with 18 Clubs / Foundations and 87 individuals already showing their support for the project. At 24% of the target, we have a long way to go in order to reach the goal of 50% team member funding of the estimated project cost of \$350,000(USD). If you need Clipperton for an ATNO, or will work us, we would appreciate your help, most bills must be paid before we sail. Many of the current individual donors and organizations have supported our previous DXpeditions whether they needed the entity or not. We appreciate their confidence in our team, and invite others to sign on. We wish to thank the most recent organizations for their sponsorship. We also appreciate the individual donors who have donated through the website and/or directly.

NCDXF DQRM Project

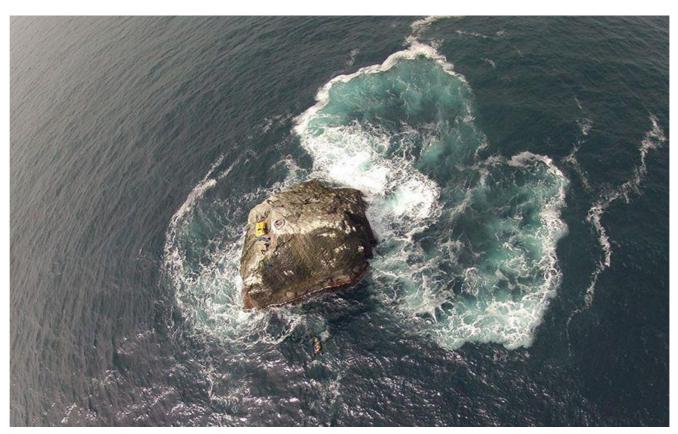
The Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) recognizes the negative impact deliberate QRM (DQRM) is having on our hobby. We believe this is a problem that can be mitigated by amateur radio operators applying their vast knowledge and creativity to the advanced receiving and direction finding technology currently available. In order to spur research into solving this problem the NCDXF Board of Directors at their April 2023 Board Meeting allocated \$100,000 for grants to develop DQRM solutions.

NCDXF will entertain grant proposals from individuals or groups that specifically outline their approach to identify bad actors. A group of NCDXF Directors led by Craig Thompson, K9CT and Don Greenbaum, N1DG will weigh the probability of success of their proposals as well as monitor the progress of the grantees.

Funding will be available for R&D as well as implementation of technology proposals. It is hoped that manufacturers will also assist NCDXF and grantees with equipment and other resources.

MM0UKI Isle of Rockall EU-189 -update

With the team set to depart for Rockall tomorrow evening (local time/GMT), many DXers and IOTA chasers, not to mention the MM0UKI operators, are keeping a keen eye on weather forecasts and charts. With our amateur weather eye, we're not sure any better charts are possible! High pressure dominates the region in question, especially during the sailing period. Update / pictures to follow tomorrow. Meanwhile, have a read of this article about the upcoming adventure.



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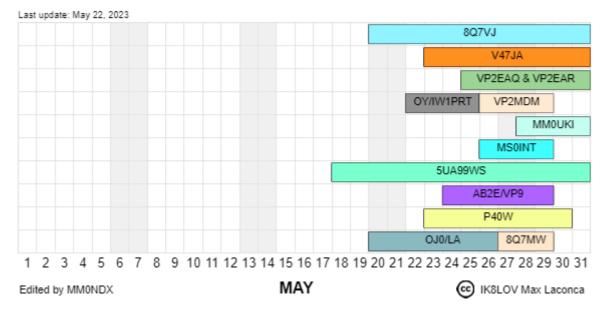
This week on air

This can change daily, please visit https://www.dx-world.net/ for updates.

- **5U, NIGER** Giorgio, IU5HWS is once again active as 5UA99WS until June 1. Focus on FT8 but also SSB from 40 to 10 meter. QSL OQRS via EA5GL, LoTW.
- **5Z, KENYA** Vladimir, UA4WHX is operating as 5Z4/call from Maralal. Operation on HF using mostly CW. Length of stay is unknown. QSL via home call, direct only.
- **6Y, JAMAICA** Pavel, CO7WT is operating as call/6Y until begin August. Pavel is on a business trip but is QRV during his spare time from 40 to 6 meter using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via IK2DUW, direct or bureau, LoTW.
- **8Q, MALDIVES** Amir, A61MW will be QRV from the Sheraton Full Moon Resort as 8Q7MW on May 27-29. Operation on HF. QSL via home call
- **8Q, MALDIVES** Vincent, HB9VCJ is QRV as 8Q7VJ from Cocoon Maldives Resort until June 5. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.
- **9H, MALTA** Look for YT4RA and YT7AW as 9H6WPX during May 25-29. Operation on all bands and all modes. An entry in the CQ WPX CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.
- C6, BAHAMAS C6AWA will be active during the CQ WPX CW contest. QSL via KN4NTX direct.
- **D4, CAPE VERDE** Oliver, DJ5QW will be active from Sal Island as D4CW and D44DX between May 30 and June 13. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau.
- **J5, GUINEA BISSAU** Carlos, CT2GQA is operating as J5JUA until end May. Operation on 15-10 meter using mostly FT8. QSL via home call.
- JW, SVALBARD Rafal, SQ9CNN will be active as JW/call during May 26-28. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via SP9FIH.
- KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA Lloyd KH6LC and Oliver W6NV will be active as KH8W from Pago Pago between May 26-31. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.
- **P4, ARUBA** John, W2GD is operating as P40W until May 30. An entry in the CQ WPX CW contest is included. Operation mostly using CW on all bands during his spare time. QSL via N2MM and LoTW.
- **T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI** After the T30UN DXpedition to Tarawa, W. Kiribati, the Rebel DX Group will be making a return visit to Kanton island and QRV as T31TT starting June 1st for approximately 10-12 days.
- **TF, ICELAND** Chris, DL1MGB will be active as TF/call between May 26 and May 29. Operation from 80 to 10 meter during the CQWW WPX contest. QSL via home call.
- **TF, ICELAND** Dervin, PD9DX will be operating as TF/call between May 29 and June 9. Activity on HF using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via MOURX.
- **V2, ANTIGUA** A team with K4UEE, K5PI, W5SJ, W5MJ and W5MF will be active as V26MJ during the CQ WPX CW contest. Before and after the contest they will sign V26MJ via W5MJ, V26MF via W5MF, V26RC via K4UEE, V26GB via K5PI, V26BP via W5SJ.
- **V4, ST KITTS** Once again, W5JON is active as V47JA until June 7. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.
- **V6, MICRONESIA** Look for V63WJR in 'holiday-style' on 15, 12, 10 and 20 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 until September. '*I operate at my pleasure and as my time permits (meaning when i am not snorkeling, surfing, scuba diving, or working on my boat).'* QSL via WA7WJR, LoTW
- **V7, MARSHALL ISL** Bob, N7XR is operating as V7/call until end June from Kwajalein Atoll. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via OQRS.
- **VP2E, ANGUILLA** Rich KE1B and Anna W6NN will be operating as VP2EAQ and VP2EAR from May 25 until June 1. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.
- **VP2M, MONTSERRAT** George, K2DM will be operating as VP2MDM between May 25-29. An entry in the CQ WPX CW contest is the main goal. Before and after the contest you might find George on FT4/8. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.
- **VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** Look for John K4BAI as VP5M during the CQ WPX CW contest. Before and after the contest he will sign as VP5/call until May 30. QSL via home call and LoTW.
- **VP9, BERMUDA** Darrell, AB2E is active as VP9/call until May 29. Operation primarily during the CQ WPX CW contest. Before and after the contest you can find him from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct OR LoTW.
- **Z6, KOSOVO** Rene, DL2JRM and Paul DL5CW will once again be active as Z68XX between May 25 and May 29. QSL via DL2JRM.

DXCC Timeline





IOTA

This week on air

<u>ASIA</u>

IOTA tour / Timor Leste

Rudi, DK7PE <u>got in touch</u> to say he's currently visiting and activating some Indonesian islands as **YB9/DK7PE**. He mentions that May/June he will probably be in Dili, East Timor and QRV from there (IOTA OC-148) using wire antennas and 100w.

AS-024 IOTA group Ichy, JH7IPR is operating from Ishigaki Island and Iriomote Island (both count for IOTA group AS-024) until May 28. Operation using JH7IPR/6 (CW, RTTY, SSB, AM) and JH7IPR/p (FT4, FT8 and other digital modes). QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

AS-200 Shodo Isl Take JS6RRR is once again QRV as JI3DST until July 5. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via QRZ.com information.

EUROPE

LoTW.

EU-008 Isle of Tiree EU-108 Treshnish Isl

On May 26th – after picking up Emil DL8JJ and Nobby G0VJG from the airport and dropping them off at their departure point for MM0UKI Rockall EU-189 DXpedition – Col MM0NDX and Jonathan MM0OKG will then head back to Glasgow airport and take a flight to the Isle of Tiree EU-008 and be QRV as MS0INT until May 29th. Activity on higher bands (17-6m) using monoband vertical dipoles and a portable 6m quad. QSL via LoTW.

'There is a small chance they may try activate the neighbouring Treshnish Islands EU-108 for a few hours but this will depend on weather and will very much be a decision made on the day (possibly May 28th). Will update..'

EU-043 Orust Isl Ric DL2VFR and Fred DL4BBH will be QRV as SM6/call between May 31 and June 2. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via homecalls, LoTW and Club Log. **EU-045** Ventotene Isl Lorenzo IZ0BVU and Dario IW0RLC will be active as IB0/call during May 25-28. Operation on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via homecalls and

EU-189 Isle of Rockall The Rockall expedition is now scheduled to leave from Inverkip Marina, Greenock, Scotland May 26. This is a charity event (details below) and the plan is to spend a week on the rock. Amateur Radio operation is planned for part of the stay.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-249 Vieques Isl Manuel, WP4TZ is operating from 40 to 6 meter until May 30. QRV from POTA, SOTA and BOTA. QSL via LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-067 Huahine Isl Didier, F6BCW is operating as FO/call from Huahine Island OC-067. Activity during May – October from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

Coming up soon

EUROPE

EU-028 Elba Domenico IK1MNF will be active as call/IA5 from June 5 until end September. Operation from 20 to 6 meter. QSL via home call.

EU-061 IOTA group Ric DL2VFR and Fred DL4BBH will be QRV as LA/call between June 2 and June 6. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via homecalls, LoTW and Club Log.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

8Q, MALDIVES Kasimir, DL2SBY will once again be active as 8Q7KB between June 13 and June 21. QRV mostly on the higher bands and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.



PJ7, ST MAARTEN Ben, PE5B will be operating as PJ7/call from July 7 until July 14. Operation on HF using SSB and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

Pacific Tour by Uli DL2AH

KHO, MARIANA ISL Rota Island August 31-September 14 as KHO/call

KH2, GUAM September 16-30 as KH2/call

V7, MARSHALL ISL October 3-15 (call pending)

V6, MICRONESIA October 18-30 as V63AH

Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

A2, BOTSWANA

V5, NAMIBIA

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA

Steffen, DL1SX is travelling with a 4x4 through South Africa, Namibia and Botswana from mid-

7Q, MALAWI On a missionary effort, but a lot of time devoted to amateur radio, Bill K4CD and Jerry W1IE will be visiting Malawi during June 21 to July 3. Providing support at the Embangweni Mission Hospital which also has a radio shack nearby (pictured), look for them as 7Q7WW from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via W1IE.

8Q, MALDIVES Vincent, HB9VCJ will be active from the Cocoon Maldives Resort, Ookolhufinolhu, Lhaviyani Atoll, Maldives as 8Q7VJ. Dates not yet known, but the license (issued by Communications Authority of Maldives) stipulates the period May 20 to August 8. More to follow. 8R, GUYANA Jamie MOSDV and Philipp DK6SP will lead a team of young and enthusiastic operators on an exciting 10-day DXpedition in Guyana 8R (Callsign TBD). The team will consist of four members, including their close friends Sven DJ4MX and Tomi HA8RT, who share their passion for amateur radio and DXing. The DXpedition will take place between 14th February 2024 and 24th February 2024, during which the team will cover a wide range of bands from 160m to 6m, including WARC bands. However, they will not be operating on 60m due to licensing restrictions. 9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 9Q3WX between August 15 and September 3. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via IZ8CCW. https://www.mdxc.support/9q3wx/

9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO 6-18 September are the dates for the Italian DX Team's operation from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Seven operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CKR, IK2HKT and IV3ZXQ) will be active as 9Q1AA (SSB, CW and RTTY) and 9Q1ZZ (FT8 F/H) with at least four stations on 80-6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8, 160m CW and FT8, 20 metres RTTY. They will also be active via the QO-100 satellite. http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/ **9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

C2, NAURU Look again for C21TS in late July to August 2023. Plans are on track for a longer and better equipped operation. More news expected soon.

CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024. E6, NIUE Michael, DF8AN will be operating as E6AJ between November 3 and November 10.

Operation on HF using CW and digi in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call. E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logsuploaded during the

Dxpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.



FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. https://clip.pdxg.net/

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL A large team with F6BCW, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI, F5VHQ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F4ISZ and F1MNQ will be active as TX7L from Hiva Oa Island during November 4-19. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8 and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via F6EXV or Club Log OQRS.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON The next trip to FP by KV1J is planned for June 27 until July 11. QRV in various contests throughout the period. Activity on 80-6m; CW, SSB, Digi. **FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19,the

TOST DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. http://www.to5t.com/

FS, ST MARTIN The next TO9W will take place from November 26 until December 8. The 2023 team includes K9NU, N9EP, FS4WBS, W9AP and K9EL. Operation on all bands and all modes with focus on low bands and CW. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Real-time upload via Club Log, LoTW or via W9ILY direct. https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

H4, SOLOMON ISL A team of Washington State amateur radio operators will be active as H44WA in March 2024. More to follow. http://www.h44wa.com/

H40, TEMOTU The Intrepid DX Group has released their next DXpedition to Temotu Province as H40WA between November 15 and November 29. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. Temotu 2023 DXpedition — Intrepid DX Group (intrepid-dx.com)

St Maarten, PJ7



KH8, SWAINS ISL The W8S DXpedition to Swains Island is now set to take place on October 4 - 17. The team (DJ9RR, DL2AMD, DL6JGN, KO8SCA, NG7M, PA2KW, PA3EWP, PA4WM, PA5X and PG5M) will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY on all bands with six stations from two operating sites. "Due to Covid and the global economic situation, our costs have increased considerably compared to 2020", PA3EWP says. The total cost has increased to EUR 125,000, and donations will be gratefully accepted.

OJO, MARKET REEF Sebastian DG5CST, Roland DK4RC and Norbert DL4DTU as OJ0ME between June 18 and June 24. Operation on 2m 2 X 9 El. 500 W, 70cm 3m dish 500 W, 23cm hope for

license, 13cm 3m dish 75 W, 9cm 3m dish 75 W, 6cm 1,8m dish 60 W, 3cm 1,8m dish 60W.

OY, FAROES Thomas DC8TM and Martina DF3TS will be active as OY/calls between June 25 and July 5. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS Look for PJ5/PA4O and PJ5/PE6Q between July 6 and July 18. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the IARU HF Championship is included as PJ5C. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

PJ6, SABA PJ6DX callsign recently added to the QRZ.com database by Tom KH0/KC0W. This will be a CW DXpedition. More to follow.

S7, SEYCHELLES A team with G3WPH, G4IRN, G4PVM and GD4XUM will be active S79K during the COWW DX CW contest (November 25-26). Outside contest active as S79/homecalls.

T8, PALAU Yoshi JR3QFB (T88JH), Miyo JO3LVG (T88MK) and Hiro JM1LIG (T88FM) will be active from the Palau Radio Club / Shack during September 12 and September 18. QRV on HF bands using various modes. QSL via homecalls.

V6, MICRONESIA Miki, JJ2CJB will be operating as V63CB during the CQWW SSB contest (Oct 28-29). QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL Chris, GM3WOJ and Keith, GM4YXI (both previously A35V, V6Z, VK9CZ, ZK2V) will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XGM during November 21 to December 5, 2023. Two stations active on SSB/CW. Also one station active on FT8 or FT4. Multi-two entry in the CQWW CW Contest 2023.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl during June 23-29. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information. **VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP6, DUCIE ISL VP6A will be on the air from Ducie Island (OC-182) from June 10 to June 24, 2023 (actual dates will be subject to WX). There will be five stations on the air on all bands from 160 to 6 meters, working CW, SSB and FT8.

Following the successful test of remote operations at <u>FO/AA7JV</u>, where over 11,000 remotely operated QSOs were made by five remote operators, VP6A will apply this concept to a full rare island DXpedition.

A total of 14 operators based in North American, Europe and Asia will operate land based remote controlled stations around the clock. There will only be three local operators at Ducie: W6IZT, KN4EEI and AA7JV. This small team will set up and maintain the stations and operate locally from the nearby boat. They will visit the island once a day to refuel the generators and do any necessary maintenance. In line with the minimum foot-print concept, there will be no camping on the island.



VP9, BERMUDA Dave, G4OSY will be active from Hamilton Parish between June 27 and July 8 as VP9/call. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB with some CW. QSL via home call. **YJ, VANUATU** A team with NC7M (YJOTT), K6VHF (YJONA), W6UC (YJOUC) and NG7E (YJOET) will be QRV from Port Vila in October 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed). Operation from 160 to 6

YJ, VANUATU A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15.

meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. https://www.grz.com/db/YN5AO

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-045 Ilha de Bailique Look for PY8WW as PX8B between June 21 and June 25. Operation from 80 to 6 meter. QSL via home call.

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-039 Commander Isl A team with R7AA, UA7A, UA6EX and RM0F will be QRV as RI0Z between August 18 and September 1.

AS-107 Samet Isl E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

EUROPE

EU-064 Noirmoutier Isl Look for ON6ZV, ON6OM and ON7EG as TM4IPA between June 17 and June 23. F/ON4IPA and F/OO6P will also be used from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and digi. More on Untitled Document (gsl.net)

NORTH AMERICA

NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl Joe, OZ0J will be operating between September 15 and September 21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter depending free space for antennas. Call is pending. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.





Lighthouse

FR-0014 Berck-sur-Mer Look for a German team as TM0BSM during August 16-21. The team with DJ8EI, DL1DCT, DL8KR, DK5OPA, DL5KA and DJ5KX will be QRV on HF and QO-100 (CW/SSB). QSL via LoTW only.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

F, FRANCE Look for **F/ON6JUN/P** to mark D –day, operation from the Pegasus Bridge <u>between June 5 12:00UTC</u> and <u>June 7 01:00UTC</u>. Operators are ON4ALY, ON4AAA, ON3HBB and ON3FDS. They will sign on HF using CW, SSB and digi.

OK, CHECH REPUBLIC The private company Radiojournal began regular radio broadcasts in Czechoslovakia on 18 May 1923. **OL100RADIO**, **OL100RJ**, **OL23RADIO** and **OL23RJ** are the special callsigns for the Czech Radio Club to mark "100 years of broadcasting in OK-land". Look for activity on all bands and modes <u>from 18 May to 18 June</u>. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com under any of the special callsigns for information. (TNX 425DX)

SV, GREECE Look for **SX2AIGAI** to mark International Museum Weekend during the weekend. <u>SX2AIGAI - Callsign Lookup by QRZ Ham Radio</u>

THE REMINDERS

5H, TANZANIA 5H100TC is the special callsign that TA1HZ, currently stationed in Tanzania and active as 5H8HZ, has been granted to use <u>during 2023</u> in celebration of the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA 9A66AA is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES The national ham organisation EARS runs the special event station A60AP with additional designators /0 to /15 to mark their country's astronaut programme:

A60AP/0 Op. A61Y QSL: EA7FTR A60AP/1 Op. A61M QSL: A61BK Op. A61Q A60AP/2 QSL: EA7FTR A60AP/3 Op. A61FK QSL: A61BK A60AP/4 Op. A61BK QSL: A61BK A60AP/5 Op. A61DD QSL: EA7FTR A60AP/6 Op. A61QQ QSL: A61BK Op. A61AY QSL: DIRECT Op. A65GC QSL: DIRECT A60AP/7 A60AP/8 A60AP/9 Op. A61ZX QSL: IZ8CLM Op. A65BR QSL: DIRECT A60AP/10 A60AP/11 Op. A61NN QSL: EA7FTR A60AP/12 Op. A65GD QSL: Direct A60AP/13 Op. A65GJ QSL: Direct A60AP/14 Op. A61FJ QSL: LZ1YE Op. A61DI QSL: EA7FTR A60AP/15

They remain active <u>until the end of August</u>. (TNX DXNL) For more information see: https://www.mbrsc.ae/service/astronaut_prog/

DL, GERMANY Special event callsign **DM23BUGA** will be active <u>from 9 April to 8 October</u>. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. The suffix stands for "Bundesgartenschau", the biennial horticulture show and festival that this year will take place in Mannheim. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DR45HAAN is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45th anniversary <u>until September 30</u>. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DR100XRAY commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Wilhelm Roentgen, inventor of the X-rays and winner of the Nobel Prize for physics in 1901. QRV <u>until the end of June</u>. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Special callsign **DROLIMES** will be active <u>between 1 April and 30 June</u> for this year's German World Heritage Day (4 June). The "limes" was the border line of the Roman Empire at its greatest extent. In 2005, the remnants of the Upper German-Raetian Limes were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list as "Frontiers of the Roman Empire". (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use <u>during 2023</u>. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Franck, F4DTO, and Pattrick, F4GFE, mark the 350th anniversary of D'Artagnan's death with the callisgn **TM350DA** <u>until the end of September</u>. An award is also available: Bronze = QSOs on 3 bands, Silver = QSOs on 4 bands, Gold = QSOs on 5 bands, Platinum = QSOs on 6 bands For more information see qrz.com. QSL via F4GFE (d/B).

G, ENGLAND Celebrating the 85th anniversary of the First Class CW Operators' Club (https://www.g4foc.org/), special callsign **GB85FOC** will be used by a number of different members <u>during the month of May</u>. QSL via G3SWH's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

G, ENGLAND Radio amateurs in the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies may use a special Regional Secondary Locator on 1 May-30 June to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III (alternatively, they can append the suffix "/23C" to their callsigns). The RSL - i.e. the second letter in the existing callsign (**D, I, J, M, U** and **W**, plus E for Intermediate licences) - may be replaced by the letter 'R'; where no RSL exists, the letter 'R' may be added. Club Log will map all the GR/MR/2R callsigns to England, unless a callsign exception exists for the station. A number of awards will be available; see https://rsgb.org/coronation for the details. Also taking part in the celebrations will be a number of GB special callsigns, including stations from England (GB0KCC, GB0KCH, GB1KC, GB2KCC, GB3KCR, GB4HCC, GB4KC, GB4RLS), Jersey (GB3KCJ) and North- ern Ireland (GB0KC, GB8KC, GB8KCC, GB9HRH) to name a few. QSL, if any, via operators' instructions. (TNX 425DX)

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G, ENGLAND GB2KC marks the coronation <u>during May and June</u>. **GU, GUERNSEY** To mark the 19th Island Games, look for **GB5IG** <u>from Friday 7th to Saturday 15th July</u>, on 80 to 10m, SSB, FT8/FT4, and some satellite work, including QO-100. There may be some CW activity too. QSL will be via LoTW, or direct only to GU8ITE.

Once every two years, thousands of athletes from across the globe — from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean, the North Atlantic to the Caribbean and South Atlantic — come together to compete in the NatWest International Island Games. In 1985, as part of their Year of Sport, the Isle of Man set in motion an ambitious plan to bring together athletes from small islands across the world to take part in a new sporting festival dubbed the 'Inter-Island Games'.

700 sportsmen and women from 15 islands landed on Manx soil for what the UK national press called the 'Small Islands Mini Olympics'. Competitors hailed from the Faroe Islands and Scandinavia in the northern hemisphere, the British Isles, the Mediterranean and as far afield as St Helena in the South Atlantic—a 5,000-mile trip.

I, ITALY Celebrating the centenary of the Italian Air Force (28 March 1923), a large number of special callsigns will be active <u>from 20 March to 20 June</u>: IIOAQN, IIOBPL, IIOCMP, IIOFRO, IIOGUI, IIOLAT, IIOMVV, IIOPDM, IIORMC, IIICAM, II2MIL, II2VNG, II3AFT, II3AVI, II3BLN, II3GOR, II3IST, II4PNF, II5PIS, II5PON, II6PES, II7BRI, II7LEG, II8RCL, II8REG, II8VVL, II9CMS, II9CTF, II9CVT, II9PAB, II9SIG, II9TMM, IO5LUT, IO9MAR,

IY1TO. (TNX 425DX)

- **I, ITALY** Ninety-five years ago (25 May 1928) the airship "Italia" crashed on the ice on its way back from the North Pole, and a small tent dyed red for maximum visibility was the only shelter for the survivors. Commemorating the role of radio (and amateur radio) in rescuing the Red Tent survivors, special callsign **IIIITR** will be active on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and CW from 25 May to 12 July. QSL via IZ1ETD. See https://www.qrz.com/db/II1ITR for more information. (TNX 425DX)
- **I, ITALY** Members of ARI Novara will be active as **II1CAI** from 15 February to 30 June. The special callsign memorializes the 100th anniversary of the local section of the glorious Club Alpino Italiano (the Italian Alpine Club, founded in 1863). QSL via IQ1NO. (TNX 425DX)
- **I, ITALY** The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

<u>May</u>: **II4GNV**; GENUA: switch on of the lighting system in Sidney by means of a radio beacon (1930)

<u>June</u>: **II4SSM**; SASSO MARCONI (BO): at Villa Griffone, first wireless contact in history (1895) July: **II4SPZ**; LA SPEZIA: experiments with the Italian military Navy (1897)

<u>August</u>: **II4GAR**; GOLFO ARANCI (SS): Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome) 1932) <u>September</u>: **II4CGD**; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)

October: **II4SML**; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931) November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

<u>December</u>: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931) For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available.(TNX DXNL)

- LA, NORWAY LA100K is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX) LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: LZ78KA (May and June), LZ1015RW (July and August), LZ288MS (September and October), and LZ600PA (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at https://www.lz1kcp.com/. (TNX 425DX)
- **OE, AUSTRIA OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary <u>during 2023</u>. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)
- **ON, BELGIUM** Members of UBA Liege will be active as **OP20CW** on 1-31 May. QSL via ON5VL (bureau) or direct via ON6YH; the logs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and eQSL. The special callsign celebrates the 20th anniversary since the UNESCO General Conference adopted the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Activity will have a special focus on CW, because the Morse code has been recognized as Masterpiece of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation's Oral and Intangible Heritage since 2021. (TNX 425DX)
- **ON, BELGIUM** Members of UBA Mechelen (ON4MCL) will operate special event station **OS23SOM** on 1-31 May in celebration of Special Olympics Belgium's annual National Games, this year to be held in Mechelen on 17-20 May. A certificate will be available, details will be published on https://www.grz.com/db/OS23SOM. (TNX 425DX)
- **ON, BELGIUM OT20CW** draws attention to efforts to recognise Morse Code as an UNESCO heritage. QSL via ON6YH, LoTW, Eqsl.
- **ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see https://hamlog.online/club/rcl/713 (TNX 425DX)
- **PA, THE NETHERLANDS** On 5 May 1923 the Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies opened officially the two-way telegraphy radio service from Radio Malabar (callsign PKX) to Radio Kootwijk in the Netherlands (callsign PCG). Celebrating the 100th anniversary of those pioneer stations in the field of long-range long-wave telegraphic communication, special event stations **PA100K**, **PA100M** and **PA100PCG** will be active from 5 May to 30 June. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Also taking part in the celebrations will be special event station 8A100K from Indonesia (5-13 May). A certificate will be available; detailed information can be found on https://radioclublimburg.nl/mk/index.html. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Dutch Navy Radio Amateur Club (MARAC) will participate during the Museum Ship Weekend this year from the former minesweeper Abraham Crijnssen, which is moored on the Navy Museum in Den Helder, Netherlands. The special call sign **PA37AC** will be used. The MSW will be held <u>from Saturday</u>, <u>June 3</u>, <u>00:00 GMT to Sunday</u>, <u>June 4</u>, <u>11:59 p.m.</u> GMT. Other participants and further information can be found on the website https://www.nj2bb.org/museum/

The MARAC will soon issue an award, dedicated to the special history of the Abraham Crijnssen. More information will be soon available on the MARAC website, see http://www.marac-radio.nl/
PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85th anniversary with the callsign PA85TP during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call PA30SPARC. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ (pd5enj@msn.com). (TNX DXNL)

SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary <u>throughout 2023</u>. More information can be found on https://www.sk5aa.se/. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY Celebrating the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100, TC100TA**, **TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

VE, CANADA CK3WEJ, operated by Dave, VE3WEJ, celebrates King Charles' coronation. All Canadian amateurs may use special prefixes <u>between May 5 and July 2</u>. QSL via LoTW.

VK, AUSTRALIA VK100ZL celebrates the first trans-Tasmanian radio contact between New Zealand and Australia in 1923. QRV <u>until the end of 2023</u>. **ZL100** will be active <u>between April 26</u> and July 25.

VK, AUSTRALIA VI2023HRH operates around King Charles' coronation <u>during May</u>. (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI100MB is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until <u>25 February</u> 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI75G is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI10VKFF is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (https://www.wwffaustralia.com/). It will be used from Australian Parks <u>until the end of 2023</u>. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via VK5PAS (direct or bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VR, HONG KONG In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, radio amateurs in Hong Kong are permitted to use the special call prefix "**VR25**" <u>until end June</u>.

VU, INDIA Look for **AU40NRO** to be active <u>from 1 April to 30 June</u> to celebrate The 40th anniversary of the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR). QSL via VU2NRO. (TNX 425DX) **VU, INDIA** The special event station **AT2G20** operates <u>from March 3 until June 2</u> in the context of the G20 summit to be held in India in September 2023. QSL via VU2UUU (d/B). (TNX DXNL) **XE, MEXICO 4A90** is the special callsign to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Club de Radio Experimentadores de Occidente (XE1TD), founded on 25 May 1933. Look for activity <u>between 1 April and 30 May</u>. QSL via LoTW only. (TNX 425DX)

XE, MEXICO Special callsign **4B0T** will be used until the end of June. "As its name implies, it is a semi-automated station or bot that uses the WSJT-Z program", Ramon XE1KK says. "The goal of the experiment is to test different scripts of the program while pointing the antenna in unusual directions and at different times". 4B0T will primarily operate on 10 and 12 metres FT4, and on 6 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW only. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA YR1400VT is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 30 June 2023 to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. (TNX 425DX) YU, SERBIA The Serbian Amateur Radio Union in the Vojvodina celebrates its 75th anniversary with the callsign YU75SRV throughout 2023. QSL via Club Log, eQSL, qrz.com.

ZB, GIBRALTAR Look for **ZQ2HRH** <u>until end May</u> to mark King Charles's coronation. (TNX DXNL)